(NHPC) has submitted a package of measures to Government to reduce gestation period of hydro-power projects;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) For reducing the gestation period of Hydro-electric projects, National Hydro-electric Power corporation had suggested acceptance of the concept of two stage clearance of hydro-electric projects for investment decision, namely, the pre-construction works and the main project works.

(c) Government have accepted the suggestion, in principle, in respect of Central Sector and joint venture (between Central Government and one or more State) Hydro-electric projects. Sanction for pre-construction works of Uri Hydro-electric Project has already been accorded under this policy.

आंवला के लिए गैस पाईप लाइन से प्रभावित किसानों को क्षतिपूर्ति का भुगतान न किया जाना

3593. **श्री शिव कुमार मिश्र :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश में आंवला में गैस पाईप लाइन के निर्माण के लिये तहसील फरीदपुर जिला बरेली के जिन किसानों की कृषि भूमि अधिगृहीत कर ली गई थी उन्हें अभी तक क्षतिपूर्ति का भुगतान न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं जब कि शाहजहांपुर के सभी किसानों को क्षतिपूर्ति का भुगतान कर दिया गया है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : उत्तर प्रदेश के जिन 12 जिलों से होकर एच. बी. जे. पाइप लाइन गुजरती है उनमें से 9 जिलों में मुआवजे के भुगतान का कार्य पूरा हो चुका है; परन्तु इनमें झांसी, बरेली और बदायूं शामिल नहीं है । मुआवजे की संगणना भूमि संबंधी दस्तावेज, राजपत्र अधिसूचना से पूर्व विक्रय विलेख की प्रति तथा फसल का मुआवजा बाजार की दर के हिसाब से की जाती है । बरेली जिले में भी मुआवजे का भुगतान इस प्रयोजन के लिये निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार किया जायेगा ।

Industries under provision of Sales Promotion Employees Act, 1976

3594. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the names of the industries so far notified by the Central Government to which the provision of the Sales Promotion Employees (Condition of Service) Act, 1976 (No. 11 of 1975) shall apply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): The Sales Promotion Employees (Conditions of Service) Act, 1976 is at present applicable to every establishment engaged in pharmaceutical industry in terms of Section 1(4) of the Act. Central Government has not issued any notification under Section 1(5) of the Act applying these provisions to any other industry.

Inadequate supply of Coke-Breeze effecting the production of small cement plants

3595. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the VSK small plants manufacturing cement are experiencing difficulty in procuring Coke-Breeze from steel plants and increasing delivered cost of breeze and declining supplies are affecting their operations;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in this regard;

(c) if so, what action is proposed to ensure regular and economical supplies to the VSK plants; and

(d) what follow-up action has been taken on the deliberations of tripartite meeting between the representaives of the Ministry, SAIL and the cement units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) In their representation of May, 1986 All India Cement Manufacturers' Association had *inter-alia* requested that the requirement of Coke-Breeze from Steel Authority of India may be earmarked by fixing a reasonable price by the Government which would ensure the availability of required quantity of fuel and simultaneously avoid the exploitation by the middle agencies. The matter was discussed in an inter-departmental Meeting convened by this Ministry in May, 1987 wherein the Presidents of Mini Cement Plants and Federation of Mini Cement Manufacturers' Association were also present.

It was recommended in that Meeting that Mini cement plants should approach SAIL either directly or through their Association for their requirement of Coke-Breeze of mixed coke which the steel plants would make available either by road or by rail as per the requirement of Mini cement plants. As regards price of Coke-Breeze, the representatives of M/s. SAIL and the Deptt. of Steel were requested to look into the possibility of keeping the price of Coke-Breeze relatively stable for a period of at least one year. The SAIL have however informed that this will depend on their commercial judgment.

Setting up of VSK small scale cement plants

3596. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by Government to assist setting up of VSK small scale cement plants in the light of contents of Chapter 16.11 of the Report of the Working Group on Cement Industry for 1985—90;

(b) what is the present position of VSK technology applied in the country;

(c) what is the number of VSK plants set up, sizewise, categories and technology-wise, the number in operation and their capacity utilisation;

(d) whether Government are providing any encouragement for setting up of such units in view of resource crunch and infrastructural inadequacy and proved energy efficiency and employment potential of such a technology;

(e) whether Government propose to grant financial assistance for new units in the country; and

(f) whether Government are aware that there is significant scope for transfer of VSK technology to developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (f) As per current policy, setting up of mini cement plants based on VSK technology upto 100|200 IPD is being encouraged. Mini cement plants based on Rotary Kiln technology are generally not being encouraged except in North Eastern States or hilly regions. While granting approval for setting up of mini cement plants, it is ensured that such plants are located in areas where the deposits of limestone cannot sustain large cement plants.

The National Council for Cement and Building Materials have reported that 60 CRI-MVSK technology based mini cement plants are already in commercial operation. However, no definite data is available in regard to production and capacity utilisation of these plants. In regard to CRI-MVSK cement plants, the data collected by NCBM from a number of plants in operation have indicated that the capacity utilisation ranges from 60 to 110 per cent of the installed capacity.

Mini cemtnt plants are exempt from price and distribution control. New cement plants, including the mini cement